

SMS BAND BOOSTER MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 8, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tim Kelley, Julie Bogner, Debbie Schluben, Kristi Velicer, Gina Horner, Tina Monks, Amy Knudsen, Craig Wood, Heather Kutz, Paul Kutz, Don James, Lorinda James, Karen Spratlin, Art Spratlin, Jen Dodson, Liz Sears and Pat Duff

President Tim Kelley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Meeting minutes of the 12/4/18 meeting were reviewed. Paul Kutz motioned to approve. Craig Wood seconded. Minutes were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Adams said the December concert was wonderful and the kids played great. A record \$1700 was raised by the audience and students for Raiders Helping Raiders.

53 kids will be traveling with the Europe trip. Gina Horner is the liaison between the travel company, students and families. Kristi Velicer is collecting the payments for the students.

21 students got up early Saturday morning 1/5/19 to board the bus at SMNW before dawn for the three hour trip for State band auditions in Salina before winter break even ended. Results are imminent and students are probably checking their phones as we speak for results that are supposed to be posted by tomorrow.

Jazz band also ended break early with Friday night's game, their fourth performance of the season.

Brass Band will perform at B.B.'s Lawnside BBQ tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. and play three tunes when the group Mr. Selzer performs with is on break. Mr. Adams said the food is goodish. It is a different audience for this group and hopes parents come, too.

The Masterworks concert is 1/24/19 which is revised from the calendar date of 1/31/19. Kristi said it might not be updated on the school calendar; Mr. Adams will check. It is up to date on the band website.

Megan Hoelscher is at SMW tonight. SMSD does not have an arts administrator. The West band director currently has these responsibilities, which is more than he should have to handle. All other districts have an administrator with secretarial help. It used to be an administrative position with SMSD. Nikko Platko handles this at the building level for SMS, and Dr. Dain is a huge supporter, but that does not necessarily cover the middle school and elementary needs. Mr. Adams will let boosters know if we need to do something. The next avenue could be school board and superintendent.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tim Kelley gave thanks to Amy Knudsen, Kim Lackey, Julie Bogner and all the volunteers. Tim said the middle schools and elementary are appreciative of the 5k funds. Indian Woods has already purchased an amp. Debbie said elementary fund use is still TBD with Mr. Shapker and we will pay out of boosters account when needed.

Tim will follow up with band president Elliott Huels about the student publicized Mission Bowl fundraiser on February 8. Michelle Gaume Finn has arranged the Dewey's Pizza dine in on Monday April 22.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Debbie Schluben said it is an uneventful month. We received an additional \$50 5k sponsor. We have not received the 5k custodian bill. Still no volunteers for next year's treasurer. Tim will check with Mrs. Hoelscher about potential freshman parents next year that could be treasurer. Mr. Adams will repost a call for a treasurer. The last post was coupled with several December items that required more immediate attention.

NEW BUSINESS

Germany Visit

Tina Monks and Stefanie Kelley are co-chairing and drafting information for host families and will schedule an information meeting. With 70 Germans visiting, we will need more host that families of kids travelling to Europe. Chaperones will be needed for the for the day trip activities with the Germans. There will be 4 days of activities and breakfast in the gym with some local dignitaries. Mr. Adams and Mrs. Hoelscher will house the visiting directors.

Kristi Velicer is in contact with the general manager at the Kaufmann for a tour of the Performing Arts Center during an opera rehearsal on the Monday afternoon. Symphony staff will help.

There will also be the German/US soccer game. We don't know when the Germans are scheduled to rehearse, but Mr. Adams is sure that their director will tell us.

Europe Trip

Gina Horner received information tonight and will be initiating contact with students and families soon. Kristi Velicer said the first payment was made to the travel company on December 17. The second student payment is due January 15 with a copy of the student's passport. Passports appear to be being processed normally even with the federal government shutdown. Passport cards cannot be used for the Europe trip. Mr. Adams will send a reminder for the January 15th payment.

Uniforms

Amy Knudsen has all the uniforms in except gauntlets from one percussionist. Amy thanked Pat Duff and Cynthia Thomas for pulling double shifts on Shako and gauntlet check-in. Pat noted that Julie Bogner's assistance on first shift also was instrumental. Dry cleaning is the next step.

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We will receive 9 new uniforms funded by the district which will bring our total to 189, plus the 3 makeshift uniforms. The 3 students who wore the makeshift uniforms will have new real uniforms. Amy has ordered 6 additional uniforms based on examination of the perceived needs.

Masterworks Concert

Liz Sears is coordinating volunteers for Masterworks for band boosters. Orchestra gets the banners and choir orders the cakes. Each group provides 6 volunteers. Liz said she is following Christie Ross' lead from last year. Mr. Adams will ask our soloist, Audrey Hartwell, if she wants a chocolate, vanilla or squirrel cake. Liz asked about photography. Mr. Adams said parents usually photograph their students, nothing formal has been done in the past. We will make an attempt to photograph the soloists before or after the concert either individually or as a group. The students do provide a picture of their choosing in advance for the program and banner.

Senior slideshow / Marching Season photos

It is starting to be the time of year to collect photos of the seniors for the senior slide show, as well as any photos from marching season. Pat Duff will collect the photos. Will Cooper created the senior slideshow last year. Tim said he will do it again this year but he doesn't know it yet. For seniors, we want anything from their music past from 5th grade on. Three photos per student would be great, we will take more and use what we can. Group shots and Florida trip from 2017 would be helpful. The marching season slideshow will not be just seniors but the whole band. Any behind the scenes photos from parents and students that embody the band experience would be greatly appreciated. Pat and Tim will generate an announcement. It was discussed to have photos by March. Mr. Adams noted that there may still be great photos later in the year. The senior video will be completed to be shown for the May concert.

Dewey's Dine-in Fundraiser

Dewey's dine in fundraiser for band is April 22 when the Germans are here. It was noted at the last meeting that the Chipotle night did not make the \$300 minimum, so we received no funds. Conversely, a year ago Panera and Pi Five made \$139 and \$289. So, let's make sure and get the word out on the Dewey's fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS

Spirit Wear - January 25 will be the next basketball game for band spirit wear. Craig Wood reported good sales at the December 18th game.

50/50 raffle - Karen Spratlin said we didn't get the January 25th date but would be allowed Tuesday January 29 for 50/50 raffle. Based on last year's take of \$26 on a Tuesday and \$33 on a Friday, it was decided to forego the 50/50 raffle at basketball games. We do do 50/50 raffle at the South Area Band Festival, and this year the Germans are there as well.

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Nixa student GoFundMe - It was discussed at the last meeting to help the Nixa student who had a marching contest injury. We are not allowed to give away funds from the 50/50 raffle as previously proposed. The GoFundMe has reached its goal. We will determine any action at a future meeting.

Bylaws - Tim Kelley and Michelle Gaume Finn have the proposed bylaws. Tim will send to Mr. Adams. Pat volunteered to read them also.

Next Booster Meeting is **Tuesday, February 5** at 7:00 p.m. in the band room.

Tim Kelley adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

All information from band boosters, Mr. Adams and the calendar is on the website at **www.smsraiderband.org**